

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## Everybody Meet Us At The Twenty-Third Assembly

### WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING

It is a Fact Beyond Dispute, That Without God Man is a Failure

Those who are Created in His Image need Him all thru the Pilgrimage of Life

E. J. Boehmer

When God created Adam he was lifeless until He breathed in him the breath of life, then he became a living soul. In other words, there was no life or vitality until God took charge. It is good for us, as the people of God, to realize that we are nothing without Him and that it takes His life and strength in us to do the work He has called us to do.

There was a time in the life of Moses when he tried to deliver his people in his own strength, but he made a complete failure, but after he had that meeting with God at Mt. Horeb he felt his inability, which gave the Lord a chance to use him. (His strength is made perfect in weakness). After the Lord had told him that he was the chosen instrument through which He meant to bring deliverance to Israel this self-distrustful man began to plead his slowness of speech and inability to perform the task. God however promised that He would be with him and would give him the words he should deliver to the ruler of Egypt.

Moses was the instrument, but God was the one in charge and all He required of Moses was perfect obedience to His command.

The rod Moses had in his hand was nothing, and he himself was nothing, but God used both in accomplishing His purpose and we are sure that this divine method has not been discontinued and whenever God can get us, as His people, completely surrendered, He will again do things that will be a marvel in the eyes of a gainsaying people.

We wish to impress upon the minds of the readers that it takes the power of God in these last evil days to go against the flood tide of iniquity, which is manifested in so many different ways. We see manifested in these days a spirit of high mindedness in people, they are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God and have only the form of godliness, but they deny the power of the Holy Ghost. Such people want to deny God and His power all they can and institute more of the wisdom of the world as the days go by.

This man Moses was learned in the wisdom of the Egyptians, but he did not lean on that. He always remembered that the I AM, THAT I AM was the source of power thru which Israel was to be delivered. He was the insulated wire, (so to speak) but the God he had met at the burning bush furnished the power.

It is not the graduates of our great universities, nor men that are turned out of theological colleges, nor the polished speakers, that are leading men to Christ, but the men and women who realize that their success lies in the secret of having God's backing.

All Bible characters that were successful in their days attributed their success to the God who was with them. They were very careful not to make a move until God said so. They knew that they would make a failure without Him. They were His servants and constantly waited on orders from Him who was in charge.

God gave orders to Joshua how to proceed in taking Jericho. He told him that they should march around the walls a certain number of times; that the priests should blow their trumpets the seventh day, and promised them that when they shouted, the walls would fall. This divinely appointed leader of God's gave strict orders to the priests to take the ark of the covenant (wherein God dwelt) and the trumpets of rams' horns and obey orders, as this was the only way to capture the city. The thought that should impress us is that Joshua did not undertake the capturing of that city without God being among them. In short, God was their success.

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### TO ALL READERS OF THE EVANGEL

For the past four years I have been serving as superintendent of the Bible Training School. Part of this time I was selected and employed directly by the General Assembly. The rest of the time the selection was made by a Board of Education appointed by the Assembly.

After nearly twenty years of active service in the Church of God, it is quite natural for the Assembly and most all the ministry and membership to know how I stand on the teaching of the Church of God. For some reason, well known to me, and probably better known to others, the report has gone out that I am teaching falsely on some subjects, viz. the resurrection and hell. I can bear these false accusations for myself without resentment, but when it comes to our great Assembly and our honorable Board of Education being assailed and accused of holding an heretic in the exalted position of Superintendent of this good school, it is too much.

Our esteemed Board of Education knows me and the doctrine I teach. I have had the pleasure of talking with four of them since the close of last term of school, and discussing these subjects, and the entire board was unanimous in their decision to hold me on the job for the next year.

Besides all this, my good brethren here at Headquarters, such as our General Overseer, Brother Lee, Brother S. W. Latimer, T. L. McLain and E. J. Boehmer, who visit the schoolroom in person, and many other visiting brethren who have been present and heard the teaching as given out in this school, would have long ago taken me to time if such reports were true.

We brand this as false, without one thread of truth in it, and trust the perpetrators of such reports will turn from the error of their way and repent.—Yours for another good term of school.—T. S. Payne, Supt.

NOTE.—Brother Payne has not asked me to make this statement but I voluntarily make the following:

I have finished three terms in the Bible School and I am thoroughly convinced that Brother Payne's views on the resurrection, also on the subject of hell, are in harmony with the teachings of the Church of God.

I think that where the trouble lies is this, some have failed to understand his views on these subjects, from the fact that Brother Payne doesn't often commit himself on certain subjects in the schoolroom, but usually tries to draw the students out.—W. D. Childers.

### Folks Were Hungry For The Word

KEYFORD, W. Va. (July 22)—Just a few words of praise to God for what He has done at Keyford. When we came here two weeks ago, there had been little interest in the services, but the folks were hungry for the real Word of God to be preached. Everyone was eager for the meeting to begin. As there was no church building, the men of the community decided to seat a yard at one of their houses. All things were prepared and the services began on Monday night, July 7th. Since then the Lord has blessed in a mighty way. From the first night on there have been seekers at the altar every service.

The Word was given out in the power of the Holy Ghost every service. The folks were pleased with the Church of God doctrine, and later on that will be a fine place for a live Church of God to be established. The Lord gave us good weather for our outdoor meeting. It did not rain until the last night. Then it only rained for a short space of time, after which the Lord gave a great outpouring of His power.

When the service closed on July 21st, we left fourteen saved and baptized in water, seven sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. We ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will bless us, in the work.—Yours in the work, evangelists, Otis Basden and family.

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### Some Valuable Information Line Upon Line—Precept Upon Precept

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

Below are some paragraphs taken from the minutes that I am sure will be of interest to the ministers and members of the church since all have not taken time to enlighten themselves on these things.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What about ministers and members carrying life insurance?

A. The church has never taken a decided stand or made it a test of fellowship against members carrying life insurance, only advised to discourage it. The fraternal insurance is objected to by the church on account of this being offered by secret and oath bound societies. The church has never made a ruling against the contracts offered by companies organized for the purpose of carrying on the life insurance business, therefore, the matter is left to the individual conscience of a member.

(Adopted 1924 Minutes, page 46)

Q. Is it proper to pay tithes to the minister?

A. This is not satisfactory. They should be paid into the local church.

Q. Are all ministers to pay tithes?

A. "Since we do not license or ordain applicants for the ministry unless they pay tithes, we recommend that they be required to pay tithes in order to retain their license."—Adopted.

Q. Is an official (minister) in the Church of God in full fellowship with the Church, and entitled to transfer if he does not pay tithes?

A. All agree to pay tithes before receiving license, therefore he must be admonished. If then, he fails to pay tithes he is not in good standing, 1919 Minutes, page 42.

Q. Is it the ruling of the Assembly that the ministers send their tithes to the general treasury at headquarters?

A. This seems to be misunderstood by some. We will state that when the general treasury was abolished, the tithing system automatically reverted back to the old system which is, that all ministers shall pay tithes on their offerings received in ministerial service, this shall be

SENT TO HEADQUARTERS with his report. This is a ruling made in the Thirteenth Assembly in the year 1917, regulated in Elder's Council, and announced in the Evangel of June 5, 1920.

SENT TO HEADQUARTERS FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

The former general overseer said, "It is an evident fact that there must be provisions made for a fund at headquarters. No government has ever been able to prosper without money."

"I am sure, that to take out the title of tithes and send to headquarters will not be out of order. I am giving my honest convictions after listening to the board of elders discussing the subject and a close and careful study of the Scriptures."

"A few nights ago I wrote out this little note: (There the speaker read from a little note book in his hand). The title of tithes shall be sent to headquarters. The remaining nine tenths shall be used to SUPPLY THE NEEDS AT HOME, including the overseers."

"I recommend that this principle be accepted by the Assembly and the working out of details be placed in the hands of the General Overseer and his helpers."

The General Overseer mentioned some of the details before making his recommendation.

"Discussion of the tithing system resumed. After some little time the plan outlined by the General Overseer as explained above was accepted and adopted. See Book of Minutes, page 293."

Our beloved brethren well remember that the last Assembly authorized the treasurer of each local church to tithe the tithes paid in to him and forward the amount to headquarters. The remaining to be used to supply the needs at home, including the over-

seers. The details of distribution was authorized by the Assembly to be worked out by the General Overseer and his counsellors and put in practice. Taken from Evangel.

"In consideration of the above the Council gave special attention to this matter in session recently, and after due consideration and careful and prayerful searching of the Bible the following system was adopted, viz. Let the tithes be tithed and sent to headquarters. Let the remaining nine tenths be used for the support of the Overseers of states, district overseers, pastors, and other ministers whose service may be engaged; distributed to each as their position in the church and services rendered may demand."

NOTE.—All ministers to receive remuneration from the nine tenths of the tithes, not of the tithe of tithes.

NOTE.—The fund is in the hand of the General Overseer, and the Council as advisors. They are to use it judiciously, always keeping a surplus if possible to be drawn on in the case of emergency. This is also authorized by the Council. Page 33 of Council Minutes.

The above explanations are only a few that are on record, (as Paul said to Timothy) that we may know how to behave ourselves in the house of God which is the Church of the living God.

### NOTICE

The General Secretary has mailed to each clerk of the local churches an annual report blank, which should be filled in, in church conference and returned to him not later than the first week in October. I will ask each pastor to look after this matter and hold your conference when most convenient to you and have the clerks to mail them to him not later than the above given date.—F. J. Lee.

### WHAT I HEARD - WHAT I SAW

T. R. Warden

Just a few words for the Evangel this week as to what I heard and what I saw. Some people see a lot of things and hear a lot of things, but

do the things they hear and see point men and women to Jesus? Well the things that are not good that we hear and see we should pass from our minds at once and forget about it, especially no Christian would talk them over, things that might hurt their brother or their sister. Well when we hear and see something good, then let us tell the world about it, that men and women might see Jesus.

Well I saw something good and heard something good so I want to tell everybody about it. I am going to talk about the little Church of God at Magnolia, Ohio. While the membership there is only nine, they are busy for the Lord.

Sunday when I went there to preach, after service I noticed two sewing machines close by, and I began to inquire what it meant, and this is what I found out: They have found the spirit that wants to work for the orphans. And this I heard: How they had solicited their little town for money to buy goods to make clothes for the orphans at Cleveland, Tenn., and I heard how they were planning to carry on the work for the orphans. This is what I saw: A nice pile of new dresses that they had made, and are soon going to send them to the orphans at Cleveland, Tenn.

I want to say this for the Church at Magnolia, that they are faithful to their pastor and faithful to the church and the work in general. Also I can say for the church at Canton, Ohio, the same thing. I heard and saw the same thing that I did at Magnolia. They are orphan workers.

### Ohio State Camp Meeting a Success

The Ohio state camp meeting and convention have closed with good success. They were conducted at Canton, Ohio under two large Gospel tents, which were pitched together in Cook's Park, a beautiful camping site. The camping tents were pitched on the grass under the trees by a stream of water that flowed thru the park which made a beautiful scene, and was enjoyed by all.

Brother R. P. Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla. did most of the preaching and oh how our souls were fed as the words fell from his lips under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. The crowds increased until both tents were filled to their capacity and people standing outside. They listened attentively as the burning messages were given out in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Saints rejoiced, shouted, danced and talked in tongues; sinners were convicted and numbers went to the altar, seeking earnestly, and precious souls came thru rejoicing and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

One night as Brother Johnson was preaching under the mighty anointing of the Spirit, he fell slain, as it were, under the power of the Holy Ghost, and lay in a trance for an hour or more. He saw wonderful visions, and after the meeting closed, was still under the power and the Holy Ghost gave soul-stirring messages in other tongues and interpretations thru him. Oh how our hearts were melted and tears flowing as the gracious words of the Holy Ghost would come forth in other tongues and then in English. Truly God was in our midst in a wonderful way in this camp meeting.

The state convention convened during the last part of the camp meeting, from the 9th thru the 11th. It was the best we have ever had. Most of the ministers in the state were present, and their happy faces and the good reports from the different churches in the state were an inspiration. The love, fellowship and sweet unity that prevailed throughout the camp meeting and convention was truly akin to Heaven. Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, and Florida were all represented, of which we were glad.

The sick and afflicted ones came for healing. One night a young man was brought in, borne on the arms of two of the brethren. After he was prayed for he arose and walked out of the tent and the place was made to ring with shouts and praises. Praise the Lord for His mighty healing power that is being manifested in these last days.

We were glad to have Brother Johnson and family with us in the meeting. He surely won the hearts of the people in Ohio, and has a glad welcome back in the state any time. Brother J. A. Wilson of Swissvale, Pa. was also with us and did some good preaching which was enjoyed by the people. We were pleased to have him with us. We can recommend Brother Wilson to those wanting an evangelist. We were also glad to have Mr. Haynes' brother, Scott Haynes and wife, visit us at this time and enjoy the meeting with us. We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing and working in Ohio. Good revival meetings are being conducted in different parts of the state and precious souls are getting thru to victory and believers are being added to the Church of God.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. E. Haynes.

### We Are Going On

LEICESTERFIELD, Jamaica.—We are determined to follow in the Bible way. We are fighting in Jesus' name. The devil is trying to disappoint us, but we are going on. Praise the Lord! We have meeting every week. We have service on Sunday and meeting Sunday night, Monday night, Wednesday night and Friday night. We have

Dear reader can your pastor say that he saw the same things and heard the same things that I am telling about? If not, why not get started at once? Come let us work for the orphans as we never have before. If every one will do the little bit they can do, throughout the Church of God everywhere, then we will have great things done for the orphans.

### God's Children Are A Special And Peculiar People

If We want the Lord to Call us Special we will have to Obey

Deut. 7:6. "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

Let us note some of the things about the Israelites that made them peculiar to the other nations. First they were a called-out people, a chosen people, an holy people. "The Lord said unto Abram get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation." Gen. 12:1. Abraham, as he was later called, began to move on: at the call of God. He could have made all kinds of excuses if he had desired to remain in his native country, but he obeyed God and departed as the Lord had spoken unto him, and became a SPECIAL man of God. If we want the Lord to call us his "SPECIAL" we will have to obey Him as did faithful Abraham. I have, a few times in my life, rode on special trains, or what is sometimes called an excursion. I noticed that these special trains had special rights over other trains. One was that it did not have to side track for any other train; it had the right-of-way. Brother, if we side track in our experience, God will not call us His special. Special trains are generally called "fast trains," because they make good time. They pass freight trains and local passenger trains, because they have special orders and obey them. One special on which I was riding several years ago was made up of about a dozen pullman cars. We had our beds and provisions aboard with us. When we ate our meals we ran on; while we slept we moved on. Why in such a hurry? Because we were on a "special" train. This makes me think of the brave 300 that the Lord picked out for Gideon to route the Midianites. I can see in my mind, these men among the thousands of other men, as they came to the stream, how they lapped water with their hands, probably, as they moved on, with their eyes looking ahead.

Another thought concerning special trains is, that the fare is very low compared to that on other trains. I remember that Abraham paid a tenth or the tithe as his fare to ride God's special, and of course the fare has not been changed up to this day, because we hear the Master saying, "Ye ought to pay tithes." This fare is a great deal cheaper for God's special people than that which the world is paying to ride on the devil's train. Those who ride the devil's train meet with disappointments, delays, wrecks, sleepless nights, heartaches, waste of money, and hunger. If they could only realize what the destination of this train will be, surely they would get off while they are side-tracked and get aboard God's Special, through train, which is bound for Heaven.

The Israelites, as God's special people, were forbidden to make marriage with the heathen nations that they were to drive out and utterly destroy, lest they be drawn away from God to worship other gods. We hear St. Paul saying to the Corinthian church, or the Church of God, 2 Cor. 6:14, Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?—Therefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters. God's sons and daughters have always been a separate people which makes them His special people.

In these perilous days, as the com-

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prayer meeting Sunday, Monday and Friday morning. To the best of our ability we are going on in Jesus' name. We are in one accord. Five received the Holy Ghost one evening. God is having His way with us. Pray for us brethren here.—Clausius Johnson.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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## Editorials

We have just arrived from Anniston, Alabama. We visited the Alabama State Convention I was never in a better Convention I don't think. It was well represented from all parts of the state. It was equal in power to some of our early assemblies. The people seem to appreciate Brother and Sister Heath very much. Many complimentary things were said about their work. They seem to take great interest in the general work of the Church, and expressed themselves that in the future they expected to be more loyal to the Publishing House, Orphanage work, etc.

J. S. Llewellyn has started a printing plant of his own. It is not connected with the Church of God Publishing House in any way. We have had some inquiries about his book, especially his Loose Leaf Sermon Outlines. This book is published in his private printing plant. We do not handle any of his books at this house at present.

### ORPHANAGE

In the month of August all bills for the orphanage were paid. Our September bills will be extra large. Every boy had to have a suit, some shirts, underwear, etc.; all the girls had to have school dresses.

On September 2d we bought between fifty and seventy-five dollars worth of school books for them. These little fellows must have an education, and we are doing our best to see that they get it.

We have just built an addition to the Children's Home. The material alone cost \$237.00, so we are calling upon the Church for extra help at this time. We hope everyone will feel the need and take up an extra offering for the Orphanage. It is our aim that every bill shall be paid by the Assembly, and it will take some help to do this.

Up to this date we have been able to pay every bill that has been presented this year for this department.

The Assembly will soon be here. The time has passed away so fast that we can hardly realize that the Assembly year is almost closed. Everyone at this place has been busy.

We wish to thank the people for the way in which they patronized the Publishing House and made it possible to meet all bills for this Assembly year.

We notice quite a few churches have not paid their quota on the One Dollar Drive. It certainly would be good if this could be paid by the Assembly. We especially ask that special effort be put forth by our pastors and officers in charge, that their quota may be paid by the Assembly.

The drive for the Evangel is taking on new life. We received two or three letters last week with over thirty subscriptions in each one. Florida is putting forth an extra effort; Alabama seems to be determined to win.

We hope that all the people in every state will notice the Evangel of a few weeks ago, which gave a list of the states in groups of three, and do your best in the contest. Group No. 1 is made up of the states that have the larger number of churches in them; No. 2 was classed as near equal per number of churches as we could possibly make it; No. 3 made up of

states where the work is almost in its infancy, and having a small number of churches therein.

There will be three Bibles given away in this contest. One to each state overseer of the winning state.

I have been thinking that if every member of the Church who takes the Evangel would get one new subscriber it would double our mailing list, thereby aiding the office in its financial burden and carry the Gospel to many thousand homes.

We are receiving letters from different states, expressing their opinion as to the attendance of the Assembly this year. One of our brethren from one of the northern states says that he is afraid our auditorium will not accommodate the people. It has a seating capacity of thirty-five hundred, and we can pack five thousand in this building. If their estimate is correct, we are going to have a crowd. It has been suggested that we rent a large tent for evangelistic services at night, and we are going to try to secure some camping tents. At any rate, we are going to do our best to accommodate the people. It would be well for those who expect to come to bring some blankets and quilts, as this would greatly aid us in caring for the people.

WE WANT EVERYBODY TO COME and I am sure God is going to give us the GREATEST Assembly we have ever had.

### THERE IS A GOD

There is a God! The herbs of the valley and the cedars of the mountain bless Him. The insect sports in His beam. The bird sings Him in the foliage. The thunder proclaims Him in the heavens. The ocean declares His immensity. Man alone has said: "There is no God." Unite in thought at the same instant the most beautiful objects in Nature. Suppose that you see, at once, all the hours of the day and all the seasons of the year—a morning of Spring and a morning of Autumn, a night bespangled with stars and a night darkened by clouds, meadows enameled with flowers, forests hoary with snow, fields gilded by the tints of Autumn—then alone will you have a just conception of the universe.—Chateaubriand.

### A TEST

A little boy came to his father and laid his hand upon his knee, looking up wistfully. "Do you want a penny, child?" The sweet face glowed, and the answer came: "No, papa; only you." So it is with the child of God. He does not want the good things of the world one-millionth part so much as he wants to know his Father's love. This is a true test for each of us, and by it we may know whether we are really in the faith.—Frances E. Willard.

### REVELATIONS OF GOD

Life, love, joy! What are these in their tale to the spirit, as Spring sends them flowing into our hearts? They are a revelation of the Being of God. Its first attribute is infinite life. In this world of decay and death, where sorrow, apathy and dullness play so large a part, it is unspeakable comfort to know that there is above us and in our God an eager, unwearied, universal life. Nothing in Spring gives me so much joy as that thought. It is God's life that is moving everywhere, breathing in the sunlight, in the blossom, flowing in the running water, growing in the corn, singing

## THE LORD IS SMILING UPON US

### Thru The Cloud We Have Seen His Smile

The Lord is certainly smiling upon us. Brother Boehmer tells me that practically all bills against the Publishing House, store bills, paper bills, etc. are paid up to date. These of course are the current bills and have no reference to the large outstanding notes, but thank the Lord they are in a shape that the banks are not pushing us.

Some prophesied that the business could not possibly go, that it was sure to sink, or go into the hands of a receiver. I will confess that times seemed dark for awhile. Some have lost a great deal of sleep, meditating and praying over the affair at the sacrifice of health, but the Lord has smiled upon us.

When Brother Latimer realized the many urgent debts hanging over the business, such as back interest, back insurance, etc. running into the thousands, (besides the \$40,000 indebtedness) he trembled, this he will confess. We often talk this over and have all agreed that it is nothing more than God undertaking. But through the cloud we have seen His smile.

### The Loan Certificates

I feel sure that the certificate holders are no more alarmed. Many are showing themselves real friends to the Cause by bearing so patiently with us. Many are gladly donating the interest. We are trying to pacify each one that writes about their certificate by paying a small amount. This shows to them that we are not ignoring them. After all it is God pacifying them and giving to them great confidence. The Church of God is certainly getting to her feet.

### Orphanage

The Orphanage work is progressing nicely, yet there is one thing certain, it will never do to rest on our oars. We must keep pulling, since the children keep eating. The small soliciting banks have helped wonderfully in this, so please order a new supply if you are out.—F. J. Lee.

## WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING

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cess, only they were to render perfect obedience.

It is amazing to look over God's record and see the simple weapons and instruments which He used in His kingdom for the achievements of great victories over His enemies. We find such things as rams' horns, trumpets, rods, slings, stones and such like, but the secret lies in the fact that God was in the whole affair. Study the life of Israel carefully and you will see that when they had God with them they were a success. The Red Sea was divided at His presence, that multitude of people were fed in the wilderness by God sending them bread from heaven. The waters were made sweet by Him at His command. At the river of Jordan He showed His power and divided the waters, and when they entered the promised land they were victorious as long as they had His presence, but when they disobeyed they were defeated.

Jesus, in sending out His twelve, told them that He would be with them always even to the end of the world, and after they had received "the power from on high" they went forth in His name. They were always careful to attribute all they had done to the power of God. They were co-workers together with Him and always relied on the power of Him who had sent them forth. Paul, that great man of God, tells us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and give us to understand that the warfare we are engaged in is not a fleshly, but spiritual nature—and in order to overcome, we must fight in His strength and not our own. We do well to remember that Moses, Gideon, Ezra, Nehemiah, and the New Testament warriors all depended on God and in order that we who are living in the last days be overcomers in every respect we must rely on the arm of God instead of our own understanding.

In the birds, glittering in the dew that nourishes the grass—the inexhaustible fountain of God's life that makes the world in the rushing of its stream.—Stofford A. Brooks.

### THE PATIENCE OF GOD

Once, looking from a window on a land  
That lay in silence underneath the sun—  
A land of broad, green meadows,  
Through which poured  
Two rivers, slowly widening to the sea—  
Thus as I looked, I know not how nor whence,  
Was born into my expectant soul  
That thought, late learned by anxious-witted man,  
The infinite patience of the Eternal Mind.  
R. W. Gilder.

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## God's Children Are a Special and Peculiar People

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ing of Jesus draweth near, many of God's sons and daughters are going into the world. It looks like God is going to lose the majority of his daughters. In my opinion there are hundreds, yea thousands now aboard the devil's train, and side-tracked at a station called FASHION. They don't want to hear the name that the Lord gave them, which is a special people, a peculiar people. They are like the Israelites when they asked for a king that they might be like the other nations, which was displeasing to God. A host of God's daughters in the Church of God desire to wear knee dresses to be like the world. These daughters (or so-called daughters) would just as readily wear their dresses dragging on the ground if that were the style, just any way to be like the world. They are not free at all. They may have been free but many have gone back into bondage. In Gal. 5:1 we find some good advice. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Hundreds of daughters are in a sad predicament, they have disobeyed God on this line of dress. Let's see what Paul says again. In 1 Tim. 2:9, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST apparel—which becometh women professing godliness. I don't believe I could testify to having victory with a knee dress on if I were one of the daughters, for my dress would speak louder than my testimony, that it isn't the victory that overcomes the world, but that knee dress would show that I was conformed to the world. What is the remedy for this predicament? Here it is, Hosea 6:1, Come, let us return unto the Lord. May we come into the presence of the Lord with knee dresses on? I am sure it would not be pleasing to the Lord to do this, for we find in Gen. 3:21 that the Lord made coats for Adam and Eve, after they had sinned that they might be fit for God's presence. I have been made to feel sorry for girls and sometimes for married women who get under conviction for sin and make a start to come into the presence of God (go to the altar) not much more than half dressed. The brethren don't hardly feel free to talk and pray with them, as their dress is not fit for their presence. What is generally done about it then? The sisters ring around them to hide them from the men and while some pray, others are putting at both ends of their dresses, and trying to pin them up to hide their person or nakedness. This is very plain language, but many of you have seen this scene time and again. What does the Lord think of a scene like this? I imagine that He looks on with pity. Adam and Eve heard the voice of God in the garden of Eden as He came down to commune with them, and they were afraid because they were naked, and hid themselves behind the trees of the garden. Times have changed considerably since that day, for hundreds of our fair sex are not afraid or ashamed to appear before God and men in garments that should not be worn outside the bath room. Some may think that I am riding a "Hobby horse" like the one Brother Lee was riding in the Evangel of June 3d. I am one who is willing to ride to Cleveland, Tenn. on a horse of this kind in a few months, and if many more of the brethren and even the sisters would come in on a "critter" of this kind, this awful curse that is creeping in the Church of God, may be checked.

My subject is that God's children are peculiar and they are the special people. Then if we dress like the world and do like the world, we will be like the world and not peculiar at all. If we hold on to our pattern which is the Bible, we will be peculiar, these days, sure enough.

Just a few words on the special provisions that God makes for His special people. We remember that the Lord kept the diseases of Egypt from the Israelites as long as they obeyed Him. He says in Ex. 15:26, I am the Lord that healeth thee. Moses and Aaron prayed for their sister, Miriam and she was healed of leprosy. God fed them on manna and quails for a number of years. I am sure that He still has plenty for His children. How has God provided for His children in this dispensation? When we are sick He tells us in James 5, what to do, and He gives gifts of healings to some that they may minister to the sick. 1 Cor. 12:28. He feeds us, He fights our battles, He is our refuge in time of trouble or sorrow. He hears our cries and gives deliverance. He is all and in all to His children. If I had not found some of the Scriptures below, I probably would not be among this peculiar people—Tit. 2:14, Christ \*\*\* gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people.

Ex. 19:5, If ye will obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. 1 Pet. 2:9, But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Deut. 7:7, The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people.

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Your brother, J. A. Brown, Alabama City, Ala.

be ready to do what the Lord would have me do.—Mrs. C. W. Lynch, Route 3.

## ONE FOLD AND ONE SHEPHERD

RED BAY, Ala.—Brother Jones has just closed a revival at Walker school house. We had good attendance. Many seekers were at the altar and a few wept their way thru. The dear Lord was with us, God's children were blessed. We pray God will continue His blessings upon them.

I feel good in my soul this morning. I feel like traveling on. I want to be a soul winner for Jesus. Bless His name forever! He has so wonderfully blessed our home. How I long to see God's precious children come home; He has other sheep that are not of this fold, but there is one fold and one Shepherd.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. H. Wallace.

## HOME COMING DAY AT MOMEYER

On Sunday morning, July 29th about 9:00 o'clock the saints began to gather for a good time in the Lord. The opening song was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", played by the Bally Band. Most of the churches in the Eastern District were represented. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. L. Crisp. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. There was also lots of good singing which was enjoyed by all. Momeyer string bands rendered some good music.

Selma Sunday School was represented by a program of which Sister Wilkerson was in charge. Dinner was served on the ground at noon and at 2:30 we started service again. Brother E. D. Melton delivered the sermon from Matt. 27:22. Then a song was sung and an offering for the orphan children was taken, amounting to \$5.02. An altar call was made and the Lord blessed. We had healing service and several were healed. It was estimated that five or six hundred people were in attendance.—A. M. Brantley.

## THE DEVIL IS HOWLING

JACKSON, O.—I want to thank God for victory at this place. Wife and I came here and began a meeting and the devil put up a fight. We held on to God and He gave the victory. The devil is still howling around on the outside, but he has to go just the same. We set a church in order with seven members; one was baptized in water and one was saved. Others are looking this way. We desire the saints to pray for us and for this place. The Church of God is fought hard here. We are standing true to the dear old Church and all of Her teachings and if anyone feels led this way, come on, if you are true blue for the Church of God. Come over and help us.—Yours in Christ, A. E. Laper, 273 Railroad St.

## IN THE MASTER'S SERVICE

Dear saints and Evangel family, we landed on Prince Edward Island, Thursday night. We had a nice trip. We stopped at Kingman, Maine, a strange place to us, but we felt led to stop and can truly say God blessed there. The folks were glad to have us with them and wanted us to stay longer. We had large crowds. The Sunday afternoon services were well attended. The folks were nice to us. The Lord poured His blessings out upon us.

We stopped at Moncton N. B. We found some precious saints there. They have no leader. Now we are here to work for God and we ask the prayers of the church. 1 Thess. 2:4 says, But as we were allowed of God, to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God; which trieth our hearts." Thank God for the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth.—Yours in the Master's service, C. M. Bloomingdale and wife, Alberton, P. E. I. Gen. Del.

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## Churches

## NOTICES &amp; SPECIALS

A revival meeting will begin at Dalton, Ga. on Saturday night before the 3d Sunday in Sept. H. B. Simmons and wife in charge. All are cordially invited to attend.—S. L. Cantrell, pastor.

The Church of God at Ft. Worth, Tex. would like to know the whereabouts of Roy Nunn and Mrs. Brady Nunn.—M. T. Boldt, clerk, 1211 Lee Ave., No. Ft. Worth, Tex.

An all day meeting for the Marietta district will convene at the Church of God at Marietta, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1928. This will be home coming day for this church. We are going to raise money on this date to finish paying the debt on the church. All members of this church who do not live here at present, are requested to write and let us know your spiritual condition as we are going to revise the roll of membership. We are expecting our State Overseer to be with us.—Joel Stampfer, pastor, 341 Pike St. Marietta, O.

To the churches and pastors of the state of Illinois:

Our year's work will soon be done and we expect to be in the twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. I truly hope that each church will make it possible for your pastor to attend the Assembly.

If there should be a change in pastors, which there possibly will be, the new pastor will take charge the first day of November, so the one that is now in charge will receive tithes to the last day of October. And like-wise with the State Overseer, if there should be a change.

I make this statement so as to avoid any confusion.—M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer of Ill.

We have made several efforts to get in touch with T. A. Sears. Brother LaFleur, Overseer of colored work, can't find him. Brother Bass of Cherry Valley knows nothing of him. We gave him money to go to Cherry Valley. Brother Bass says that they also sent him money to pay his way out there. We find that he has gotten money from many people and has made no effort to pay it back. The evidence is that he treated the people of Jamaica in a very bad manner. We have many letters stating this and they are verified by Brother Thomas, overseer of Jamaica.

We have learned from a reliable source that Sears was arrested in Chattanooga for drunkenness.

In view of the above and from the fact that we cannot get in touch with him to revoke his papers personally we are hereby announcing to the public that we from this time forth do not recognize T. A. Sears as a minister of the Church of God, but consider that his credentials are here and now revoked. This the 3d day of Sept. 1928.—F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

## REQUESTS

I want the saints everywhere to pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and I am afflicted in my body and want you to pray for me to be healed. I know the Lord can heal me and make me strong again.—Mrs. Lewis Page, R. 2, Box 50-A, Ellijay, Ga.

I ask all who pray to pray a spe-

cial prayer for my dear husband, that God will save him. He has been saved, but isn't now. Also pray that I may get closer to the Lord and do His will. I want to serve Him above all things in this world, and mean to, by His help. We need your prayers.—Myrtle Byrd, Plymouth, Fla.

I am asking the Evangel readers to pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. Pray also that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved people.—Mrs. F. C. Plorr, Cohutta, Ga.

A young boy, Mr. Lane, requests a special prayer from all praying people for the healing of his body. He has T. B. He wants to get well and go out and work for the Lord.—Harvey Rogers, Marion S. C.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. I promised Him if He would heal me I would tell it and I neglected my promise and the wound is bothering me again. I am a hard-hearted, cold, unheeding sinner girl, fifteen years of age and I want the Christians or any who may be interested, to pray for me. My daddy and brothers are out in sin, pray for them. I also have three friends whom I want you to pray for.—Almost lost.

Dear Christian people, I have a friend whom I am greatly interested in. His nerves have given way and I know there is but one chance for him and that is for God to heal him. God has all power I know, and can heal, and I want you to please pray for him. His name is Sherman Storeall. Pray for God to heal him and save his soul before it is too late.—Mrs. Louise Foster.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to remember me in your prayers. Also pray for a lady here who has T. B. She has been down three months. Three weeks ago she sent for me to come and pray for her. She got better and is still improving. She has left off all doctors and medicine and is trusting in the Lord. She wants the Holy Ghost too. Remember her in your prayers. Prayer is the key that unlocks the doors of Heaven.—Your sister in Christ, Carrie Sheffield.

## PINE GROVE CAMP MEETING

ODUM, Ga.—On Aug. 12th a four-day camp meeting closed at Pine Grove Church of God. Our state evangelist, Brother S. C. Chambers, was in charge. God was with us in the beginning and continued with great power throughout the meeting. It seemed as if the tide rose higher and higher. The congregations came to the overflowing of the house and the ground. We have an extra large church building. Folks seemed to be very interested in hearing the words Brother Chambers spoke. We removed one end of the church and built seats out in the yard so folks could see and hear. Well, glory to God, we want to thank and praise God for Brother Chambers for he fed the folks on the Word. I haven't words to express just how folks rejoiced thru every service. Twenty-two received the Holy Ghost. We don't know just how many were saved and sanctified, a great many. The altar was filled almost every ser-

## Stars Must Fall Before The Final Close

F. J. Lee

In going my rounds I find many churches that have not finished their quota of the dollar drive. Every one can see that the stars are disappearing slowly.

Several told me that they were going to make an effort to finish the quota before the Assembly convenes. That will be fine. Why not every pastor make this resolution.

We want to announce at the Assembly how we got along with the drive. Don't you want to be able to realize that you did your best?

If I should ask all pastors who have finished the quota, to stand in the Assembly, would you be one that could proudly stand and say, our church finished its quota?

Below are a few churches and pastors that have recently finished the drive, and they appear on the roll of honor.

Church  
Brownfield, Tex. .... M. E. Drake  
Marked Tree, Ark. .... J. A. McCuller  
Rock Hill, Fla. .... J. M. Bradley  
This week we have gone out to a Brownfield, climbed upon a Rock Hill and Marked (a) Tree. Very well then let us see who is going to make a mark next week.

## THE TREASURE STATE

BIG TIMBER, Mont.—The Church of God stands today of old, a spiritual building erected with lively stones, Jesus Christ, our Lord, being chief corner stone, and by divine will and thru a devoted brother straightened and erected again, God's building here, and though unnoticed and dishonored by the world, she is more alive than she has been for a long time. Thanks be to God. We have twenty-nine members now. Some are shouting the victory while some are on the decline, but praise God, He is able to put each and every one of us on fire for Him. If we will only yield and give our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto Him which is our reasonable service. Glory to Jesus.

We had a wonderful all day meeting Aug. 5th, in our new church, conducted by our Overseer, Brother M. L. Lowe. People came from Gibson, Hamilton Creek, Glaston Mount, and many from the Boulder Valley. We had four services including the baptismal service at the water's edge after a dinner on the camp grounds one mile east of Big Timber. Four were baptized in water and four were added to the church. Praise God! The day was enjoyed by all, with many glowing testimonies to the truth of their salvation.

On Thursday night, Aug. 9th, a revival started about twenty-five miles from Big Timber on East Boulder in the school house where many have enjoyed blessings from the Lord. Brother M. L. Lowe our Overseer, has been with us for a year and we honor his loyalty for standing true on God's Word. May God bless him and his wife and keep them true and faithful, as in the past, to the great work God has laid out for them to do. May each and every saint stand firm on God's many promises to us, and with all diligence let us make our calling and election sure. We need the prayers of all of God's people, that God's church here will be ready to meet Jesus in the air.—Mrs. Phil. Hanson.

Yes. Nineteen came into the church. Please pray for us at Pine Grove.—A brother in Christ, W. C. Clary.

## THE EVANGEL IS ITS NAME

Here comes a little messenger,  
So glad to see you here;  
From Tennessee each week you come,  
I love you very dear.

The Evangel is its name,  
Good news to us it brings;  
If you'll subscribe, you'll find  
Its pages always good and clean.

I read its pages o'er in tears,  
It fills my heart with cheer;  
I praise God for answering prayer  
What a blessing it has been this year.

The Evangel I read over and over,  
It never grows old to me;  
Let us send them out to someone else  
Who I'm sure would like to read.  
Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

## Oh, It Is Wonderful

HARTWELL, Ga.—On Saturday night, July 28th, we began a meeting at the Church of God at Hartwell, Ga. We surely had a battle with the enemy, but the Lord gave the victory. The devil told us it was not the right time for a revival and no one would get saved, but we have always found him to be a liar and the father of lies, so we didn't listen at him. We began to fast and pray until the victory came. People soon became convicted of their sins. One precious woman seemed to be under great conviction at the service one night, but didn't go to the altar. After she went home, she prayed until past midnight. She came back to the church and told us she was saved. At one service no one got to preach. We sang a few songs and prayed and the power fell. One precious sister received the blessed Holy Ghost. It reminded me of the day of Pentecost.

We also had some wonderful healings. One sister who was visiting in the community, attending the meeting, was taken suddenly sick at the home where she was spending the night. She fell on the floor as if she were dead, was unconscious for some time, but was healed by the power of God.

We had large crowds. People attended this meeting from miles away, and many are looking this way. The meeting continued for two weeks.

## Stand Fast, Quit You Like Men Be Strong

Now let's notice for a little, the above text. We can readily see by an eye of faith, that the end is near, and why should we not stand fast in the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Sin is abounding all around us, the world is going every way except the right way, but let's remember that Jesus said that His grace was sufficient. God wants men and women who will be strong in Him. That doesn't mean be strong in the fleshly man, but in the power of God.

Now let us notice for the first thing, STAND FAST. There are many kinds of doctrine in the world, but the Scripture said not to be carried about with every wind of doctrine. When the so-called World War was in array, if the soldiers of America had given up when the battle got hot, the battle would have been lost by America, but no doubt when they saw the enemy coming at them, they would STAND FAST and fight the battle. While many of them were slain, the others just went on in the name of Uncle Sam until they won the battle. There may be lots of people slain for the Word of God, but let's keep on fighting until we win the battle for Jesus.

The Germans probably had some frightful looking things to show, but they lost the battle in the end. The devil will have some big things to show us, but he will lose the battle if we will STAND FAST. There is no reason why we should fear man or devils. Jesus said for us not to fear man. Man can only kill us, then there is nothing else he can do, but Jesus said fear the one who after he hath killed can cast into hell (or that is the meaning of it). So let us stand fast. When it looks like we can't go any farther, let us stand fast, stand still and see the salvation of God. Prove to this world that God is God; don't be weak-kneed, but show thyself a man for God.

How can we prove that God is God? By standing fast, hallelujah! Had you ever thought that God can't use a man or woman who is afraid of the devil? A man or woman who is afraid of the devil won't STAND FAST for the right when the oppositions are strong, but will shrink back and half-way compromise when the devil says, so and so is here and he won't like it if you preach strong doctrine, so you don't preach hard this time. He will give you a beating. Then is the time to STAND FAST. Paul said to be instant in season, out of season. Preach the Word no matter who is there, and God will set His approval on your work. Show me a man or woman of God who will stand for the truth anywhere and I will show you

Brother Heaton, our pastor, was at his best. He preached some wonderful sermons. He was assisted in the meeting by the writer. Brother Junior Maulden preached twice for us. During the meeting there were fourteen saved, seven sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost and four came into the church. Some of these were children. Oh! It is wonderful what the Lord can do even for children. At the last service we had testimony meeting, conducted by a little nine year old girl who had received the Holy Ghost.

The saints were built up and it has been said this was one of the best meetings we've ever had here.—Yours for lost souls, Myrtle Whitehead.

## THE CHURCH WAS STRENGTHENED

SUCHES, Ga.—The Church of God here has just closed a meeting with Brother John Burk in charge. The meeting lasted six days. Brother Burk surely gave out the Word with much power. The church was strengthened, seven were reclaimed and two received the Holy Ghost. Some wonderful healings were performed by the power of God. The Baptist were stirred. Their preacher came out one night and he seemed to enjoy the message.—M. F. Phillips, district pastor.

a man or woman that God loves and will bless, he will also bless their work. Don't forget to STAND FAST.

Second—All right, let us notice next, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN. Now go back to David when he was just a shepherd boy, minding the sheep. He went to carry his brothers something to eat and to see how they were faring. When he got there he found that there was a big giant defying the army of Israel, the armies of God. David knew he was serving a living God for He had already proved Himself to David. He delivered him out of the paw of the lion and the bear and little David had enough faith in God to believe He would still deliver. So when he had offered to fight the giant and all things were now arranged, King Saul put his armour on David and put on him a coat of mail. David then girded on his sword, but he had too much other protection and was not giving God a fair showing to prove Himself, so David told the king he could not go with those things on because he had not proved them. He put them off, got his staff and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook. No wonder David said in the 23d Psalm, Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. He went on in the name of the Lord and won the battle. Why? Because he had quitted himself like a man; he had not depended on the things of this world to win the battle, but on God. Some people when they get saved want to hold on to things of the world. They want to dress like the world, etc. Then sometimes maybe when the devil comes against us we will try to fight it ourselves, and we will lose every time we do it. Then maybe we want to do something to get a big name for ourselves and we fail again, but let's consider that we are not fighting for ourselves, but for God. Let us QUIT OURSELVES LIKE MEN for God, and we will win the battle in the name of the Lord. Clean up and live for God, what do you say? if we have not already cleaned up.

Third—Let us take up the other, BE STRONG. We need to be strong in the Lord, be strong in the power of His might. Now when we think we are weak (that is within ourselves), let us look to God and He will make us strong in the Spirit. How can we be strong in the Lord? Let us fast and pray and ask in faith and we will get what we ask for. Then we will be growing in the Lord. Some people want to stay babies all of their lives and drink milk, but that isn't any way to BE STRONG. Let's eat some strong meat then we can be skillful workers for God. When we quit eating, it is natural that we will get weak, let's not quit eating the Word, but put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. If we have on the whole armour of God then we can BE STRONG.

Let us stand fast, quit ourselves like men and be strong.—203 Brissett St., Anderson, S. C.

## 23D ANNUAL

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## WILL YOU BE ONE OF THAT GLAD NUMBER?

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Psa. 133:1

We are thinking and praying much about the Assembly at headquarters now. We hope to see thousands at this wonderful feast. Suppose this would be the last Assembly before Jesus comes, and we knew it. What kind of an Assembly do you suppose it would be? Suppose we, each one, try to make this Assembly the very best of all the past, and then should Jesus come, we will not regret our work and labors of love together for the lost.

The church has taken on great obligations. Thousands this year have been added to her number. As it increases in number, it should increase in favor with God; in love and unity with one another.

It is the prayers of those who are interested in the work of the Church, that God's divine approval will be upon the Assembly and that everything will be directed by the Spirit and power of God. This can only be accomplished by honest prayers, and as we pray, let us ask God to direct the entire Assembly, and that everything that is done have His divine approval.



# 23d Annual Assembly Convenes Oct. 22-28th.

## GOD'S WORD IS A COMPASS

JESUP, Ga.—I am glad to report that the love of God is burning in my heart right now. I am so burdened for lost souls. Let us notice Acts 27:10, 11, Paul admonished them, "And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul."

In the above verses we have a true picture of conditions of today. This life is a voyage. We are travelers from this world to the world beyond. God's Word is a chart and compass. If we take heed to it, it will save us from shipwreck. Paul was a man of God, full of the precious Holy Ghost. He warned them in time to have saved all the trouble. So God in His mercy warns every one today. If you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

Please notice how they worked and struggled and how they had to unload. Dear storm-tossed ones, when we are traveling contrary to God's will, it is always hard sailing. Notice how they believed the master and owner of the ship more than they did Paul. There is where all the trouble is—in believing the enemy of our souls instead of the one who so loved us that He gave His life that we might be saved. Next we want to notice that they had to obey before they ever landed safely. May the Holy Spirit reveal this Scripture to all the poor storm-tossed ones who read this.—Yours, interested in lost souls, Mrs. Riley Strickland.

## A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

LINDEN, Fla.—On Sunday morning about 10 o'clock, July 8th, at the Church of God, Linden, Fla., you could see crowds of people gathering (some coming in cars, some in wagons and some walking) for Home Coming Day. Saints from every church on the district and some from other counties were present. After Sunday School, we began to gather around the organ for song service, and the dear Lord met with us in the very first song. We could feel His presence as He hovered near. After songs and prayer, and knowing that God was surely pleased with the gathering, our State Overseer, Brother J. A. Self delivered from the sacred stand, one of the best sermons I ever heard. Just after feasting on good things from Heaven, we were gathered to a spread of too many things to mention, and talk about feasting, my, I must say the Lord is surely good to people who trust and serve Him.

After resting and praying some, eight o'clock was on us and crowds began to gather, both saint and sinner, to listen to the sermon by Brother Self as he referred to the chart, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. How we could feel His presence, and His people shouted and danced under the power. We were surely glad to have with us at this time, Brother Self and his wife and we appreciated his care and advice, and hope they will soon come to see us again.

This was the beginning of a four weeks revival as Brother W. R. Hadscock and wife came to us on the following Monday, July 9th. The church was crowded every night with eager listeners. From the very first sermon by Brother Hadscock, conviction began to get hold of the people. The saints held on to God, praying and fasting, until the altar began to fill up every night with men, women and children, crying out for mercy. Old backsliders saw they were lost and wanted God, and fell into the altar, crying for help. The interest increased every night. At last some hungry hearts began to find God, and what shouting, dancing and feasting on the fat calf when the prodigals got home. O praise the Lord for His goodness.

While the Lord was blessing, the devil had to do something so he made lots of folks sick and tried to hinder in other ways, but the Lord healed and gave the victory. Several wept their way thru to victory. I believe there were twelve saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, nine followed the Lord in water baptism and seven came into the Church of God. The whole church was strengthened and is encouraged to go on. I must say that Brother Hadscock and wife did their best while here, preaching, praying and fasting for lost souls. They are faithful workers. We thank the Lord for them, and for their service. The meeting closed last Sunday night, Aug. 5th, with a crowded house and some at the altar. May the Lord bless them and save them before it is too late. Before we close this report, it would be doing injustice to our pastor, Brother R. E. Drymon, and his faithful wife, if we did not say something about their faithfulness and service during the

## A FRIEND OF FRIENDS

J. A. Sanders, Pulaski, Va. A friend of friends is the Evangel dear, It comes to you there, it visits us here; It carries joy all over the land To each boy and girl, each woman and man.

It's filled each week with bright, shining faces And each one, and all are in their right places; These faces are sure to always bring cheer To people everywhere, far and near.

Now Evangel dear, go on your way, You will bring happiness day by day; Your pages are filled with happy good cheers, Here is my best wish for you all thru the year.

## HE TOOK CARE THRU IT ALL

BERRYTON, Ga.—I praise our dear Saviour for His wonderful healing power. I was taken real sick with summer flu. I sent for the saints to come and pray for me. My fever was high and I could hardly see. The saints prayed earnestly but somehow I didn't get the victory. I grew worse and almost had pneumonia. As night began to fall, I looked at my poor little children whose father is gone, and wondered who would care for them, for I felt that my time had come. My mother came and saw I was worse and sent for the saints again. They prayed again and glory to God, the victory came. The fever left me while they were praying. Oh, I do thank God for the dear saints at Berryton. I enjoy the privilege of having them pray for me and my little children. I have not always had this privilege as my husband was opposed to Holiness. For fifteen years I stood alone where all were opposed to divine healing, but thank God, He took care of me thru it all. I remember when my little boy was a baby, he was threatened with hives. He lay lifeless and purple spotted until he was three months old. I would not give him any medicine, but just trusted the Lord. The whole neighborhood was stirred against me. One woman told my husband if he would quit me, she would doctor the baby the best she could and if he lived she would raise him free of charge. There was a revival going on here and I sent a request for prayer and praise God, little Emmet was healed. He is now ten years old and is saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the dear old Church of God. I am so proud of this salvation I don't know what to do. Come, dear saints, let's keep every promise we make God. Let's be sure to pay our tithes and quit robbing God. Let's live the life, then we can shout the victory every day.

On Sunday I am happy,  
On Monday full of joy;  
On Tuesday I have peace with God  
Which nothing can destroy.  
On Wednesday and on Thursday  
I am walking in the light;  
On Friday I have victory  
And Saturday is always bright.  
Pray for me and my children,—  
Sallie Walters.

## Jesus Has Done More Than Doctors

AUSTINVILLE, Va. (July 26th)—I wish to tell the dear readers of the Evangel how the dear Lord healed my baby. His face was sore and the people told me to take him to a doctor and let him see what he thought it was, but husband and I held on to God and He heard and answered our prayers. We know He has done more for us than all the doctors. Bless His sweet name. He healed me last winter and has healed my little girl of fever twice.

When we put our trust in the Lord and believe, He surely will heal. I want to live a life that God will be pleased with, for I want to make Heaven my home. I thank Him for saving my soul when I was out in sin, and I want you to pray that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross. Pray for my children to be saved.—Mollie Grimes.

meeting and the past ten months here with us. They are surely worthy helpers in the vineyard. Also Sister Cotton was with us and did her best. She is an example for all of us to follow. May the good Lord bless and reward each one.—Lewis L. Giddens, Clerk.

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## DEATHS

**CARTER**  
Sister Carter departed this life Feb. 5, 1928. She was a member of the Methodist church. She enjoyed going to the Church of God and often said Holiness was right. She went to the altar the last time she was at church. She was sick thirteen days with pneumonia. She told her husband and children to go to Sunday School and lead better lives. She sang "God Be With You" and said she was ready to go. Our hearts are made so sad because of the parting, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Thanks be to God for the promise in His Word,  
That we will know even as we are known;  
Yes sister, we are coming some sweet day  
For our hearts are sad and lonely since you went away.

I had a sister loving and true  
But she departed, from our view;  
Well I remember, O sad the day,  
She called us round her, then passed away.

She leaves nine children, father and mother,  
And a husband and sister and brother.

Brother Youngblood conducted the funeral. Her body was laid to rest in Richberg Cemetery to await the resurrection. — Her sister, Mammie Hardin, Hattisburg, Miss.

**JONES**  
Mrs. Mary Louisa Jones, daughter of Riley and Rebecca Wheeler was born Sept. 4, 1857 and departed this life Aug. 7, 1928, being seventy years and eleven months of age. She was united in marriage to John Jones Sept. 13, 1877. To this union were born eight children, four of whom have gone before.

She leaves four children to mourn her departure. They are Mrs. Cora Morelock, Frank Jones from Chattanooga, Tenn. and Samie and Roy Jones. Mrs. Jones professed Christ in early life. She was faithful until death.

**TILLOTSON**  
God in His wisdom called our beloved husband and father, Robert Gilman Tillotson home on May 17, 1928. He was born in Henderson, N. C. Feb. 2, 1883, being forty-five years, three months and fifteen days of age when he died.

He was wonderfully saved sometime before he got down. He was bedfast three months and waited patiently for the summons. He said when death struck him, "Mother, if this is death it is awfully sweet." He suffered so much with T. B. I would not call him again to I could. I am confident he is awaiting our coming where there will be no more good-byes. We miss him so much but are trying to say amen to God's will.

He leaves a wife, five small children, three girls and two boys, a father, six sisters, eight brothers, most of whom are living in North Carolina, and many other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. His loving wife, Mrs. Bettie Tillotson, Vine Grove, Ky.

## HOWK

On July 26, 1928 the dear Lord came and claimed a precious husband and dear brother and friend, Brother Oliver P. Howk. He suffered untold pain sixteen months, but with it all he kept sweet in his soul. He was a member of the Church of God. His funeral was preached at the Church of God by Brother Ross Bordon assisted by the writer. He leaves to mourn his departure a dear wife, six sisters, three brothers and a father and mother. They loved him, but the dear Lord loved him most. We will not question our dear Father as we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and when the Lord comes to get His church, our loved ones will arise and we will meet them in the air. It will be a happy meeting. It was hard to see him suffer so, but we will understand it all by and by. A chair is vacant at home and a lone wife watches as though for his return, vacant at church and no other can fill the place. Bro. Howk has gone to be with Jesus, his king and master and elder brother whom he loved.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, 228 Gordon Ave., Bowling Green, Ky.

## HUDSON

On the 2d of August, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Hudson and claimed their darling little girl which they were rearing. They have had her ever since she was sixteen months old. She was four years old at her death. She was a sweet little girl and loved by all who knew her. Everything was done for her that loving hands could do, but God knew best and took her home to rest. She went to Sunday School at the Church of God, and loved her teacher. Little Annie Lee is missed in Sunday

School, but she has gone to be with Jesus.

Dear Annie Lee, days are sad and lonely  
Since you have gone so far away;  
But Jesus loved you best and in Heaven,  
We will meet you some sweet day.

All is dark within our dwelling,  
Lonely are our hearts to-day,  
For the one we loved so dearly  
Has forever passed away.

When at last I reach the portals  
And am greeted by my own,  
I expect to find you singing  
With the saints around the throne.

Oh what joy to hear you singing,  
Oh what joy to find you there;  
Oh what joy to hear you singing  
With the saints and angels there.  
—Her friend, Play Hudson, Oakgrove, Ky.

## HADSOCK

We, The Young Ladies Sunday School Class, of Green Leaf Holiness church, wish to express our love and appreciation in sacred remembrance of our beloved Sunday School teacher, Mrs. R. J. Hadscock, who has gone from our midst to be with the Lord. She was a kind, motherly friend to each one of her class. Her faithfulness in expounding God's Word, together with a devoted Christ-like life, has been a heavenly benediction to all of us.—Young Ladies Class, Green Leaf Church of God, Alachua, Fla.

## ROUSE

On July 28, 1928 the death angel came into the home of Brother and Sister L. G. Rouse and claimed for its victim their little girl, Mary Elizabeth, age twenty-one months. She leaves to mourn her death, a father and mother, two grandmothers, three brothers and three sisters and a host of friends. She was patient until death, didn't seem to suffer any. Brother Rouse trusted the Lord and didn't give any medicine, or use any kind of remedy. He loved his child, but as Abraham, he loved the Lord best. I praise God for men like Brother Rouse. The funeral was conducted by the writer.—T. J. Meade.

One less at home,  
The circle broken, a dear face  
Missed day by day from its accustomed place,  
But cleansed and saved and perfected  
By grace.  
One more in Heaven.

One less at home,  
One voice of welcome hushed, and  
Erewhile  
One farewell word unspoken on the  
shore  
Where parting comes not, one soul  
landed more.  
One more in Heaven.

One less at home,  
A sense of loss that meets us at the  
gate,  
Within a place unfilled and desolate,  
And far away our coming to await,  
One more in Heaven.

Mourn not for Mary Elizabeth  
though

Like the flower, just opened to the  
morning ray  
Nipped by disease's cruel power,  
She fell from love's embrace away  
Where breathes no chill or tainted  
air,  
Where falls no darkness of the  
tomb;  
She proves the loving Savior's care  
And blossoms in immortal bloom.

## GRAYUM

Mories W. Grayum was born in Clay county, Ark. July 4, 1909 and died near Bernie, Mo. July 29, 1928 age nineteen years and twenty-five days. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, mother, sister, three aunts, two uncles, one grandmother and a number of cousins and friends. He always had a kind word and loving smile for his friends and associates and will be greatly missed by them. His future hopes were bright.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.—One  
who loved him, Mrs. W. M. Adams,  
Parno, Mo., Route 2, Box 40.

## ENNISE

On March 3, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Sister C. J. Ennise and claimed for its victim, her beloved husband, Brother Charlie was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God. He was not as talented as some, yet he was willing to do all he could. He was old but never too tired to go to church, was always on time at his place of duty. Many times he walked, for nothing seemed to please him better than to be in service. Sometimes he would get so happy that his face would

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

Cash Receipts  
Aug. 18th to 31st inclusive  
Church, Spence, Ga. \$4.53; S. S. Epworth, N. Dak. \$20.16; S. S. Phoenix, City, Ala. \$1.58; S. S. Carbur, Fla. \$5.00; S. S. Jacksonville, Ala. \$1.75; S. S. Baltimore, Md. \$4.25; Church Ft. Worth, Tex. \$1.15; S. S. Kinser Tabernacle, Tenn. \$2.13; S. S. Eldorado, Ill. \$19.50 S. S. Big Timber, Mont. \$5.81; Church, Middlesex, N. C. \$3.36; Sol. by Mrs. Sallie Couch, Columbia, S. C. \$2.50; Church, Washington, N. C. \$5.00; Church, Miami, Fla. \$25.00; S. S. Lenoir City, Tenn. \$2.32; S. S. Campaign, Tenn. \$5.00; Church Henderson Grove, Ky. \$1.00; Ohio State camp meeting, O. \$37.00; Chas. B. Porter, Bonne Terre, Mo. \$2.24; S. S. Haworth Temple, Okla. \$0.65; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$4.80; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$3.30; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$2.40; S. S. Columbia, S. C. \$1.75; S. S. Columbus, Ga. \$1.66; S. S. McMinnville, Tenn. \$0.50; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. \$2.00; S. S. Auten, S. C. \$1.25; S. S. Key West, Fla. \$2.01; Sewing Club, Lenoir City, Tenn. \$4.00; S. S. Wimauma, Fla. \$24.00; S. S. Logan, W. Va. (corrected report for last quarter) \$45.50.  
Aug. 1st to Sept. 1st.

Mrs. W. R. Hubbs, 3601 Church St. Cleveland Tenn., 1 kiddie cart, 1 dining chair, 1 nursery chair, 1 baby bed, 1 go-cart; Mrs. Martha Dargin, Chickamauga, Ga. 5 hats, 2 towels, 13 dresses, 3 prs. small shoes, 4 prs. bloomers, 4 prs. socks, 2 prs. rompers, 2 small blouses, 1 small suit, 1 slip, 2 sweaters, 1 quilt top; Mrs. S. C. Hall, McCrory, Ark. 1 quilt top, 5 spools thread, 1 yd. cloth.

## COME OVER AND HELP US

I praise the Lord today for salvation. I am glad the power of God is able to keep me away out West in Arizona. I want to sound the Macedonian call, please come over and help us. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. How we do need real Church of God preachers out here. I pray that God will lay it on the heart of some of you good, true preachers who have a tent, to come over and turn loose a revival here in Phoenix. I believe we could do something here for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ and the Church of God if we had a tent and a real live Holy Ghost preacher.

If God lays this on your heart, you better obey, for we are praying for God to send us help. You may ask, has holiness been preached out there? Yes, there are several independent missions here, but they all take a stand against government. We need workers who will stand on the Word and declare the whole counsel of God. If you want to work for God, come on. I wish some of the good preachers in Texas would cross over the line and help us.—A sister in Christ, Isabelle Rickman, 2130 W. Monroe St. Phoenix, Ariz.

He surely will be missed, especially at church. He helped build the Church of God at Fruitland, Md. after the devil burned it down. We learned to love our dear Brother and Sister Ennise so dearly while we were in charge of the work at Fruitland, and there never was a time when a servant of God came along to help in meetings, that their home was not open to receive them, and they were always treated so kindly. I know many people will miss their home.

Brother Charlie died suddenly, it was a shock to all. We feel he has gone on to receive his reward for the works done here, and feel sure it will be "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord." He leaves to mourn his death a dear loving wife, two children and one step-son. We miss him but our loss is Heaven's gain. In a silent lonely graveyard lies a form we loved so well; Yes dear Brother Charlie left us, He has gone home with Christ to dwell.

It is lonely, oh so lonely,  
For the dear ones left here to dwell,  
But we will not question Jesus  
For He doeth all things well.

The world seems dark and dreary  
As our loved ones pass away,  
But we know we soon shall meet  
them  
In the land of endless day.

There will be no more sad partings  
There will be no tear dimmed eyes,  
But we all will be so happy  
In that sweet, sweet by and by.

So dear children, come to Jesus  
If you are not all in the fold,  
For His blood from sin can free us  
And you shall walk the streets of  
gold.  
Mother Ennise, still be faithful  
Just a few more days below  
For we know your life is fruitful  
As your love for others show.—Their  
former pastor's wife, Mrs. Austin Thompson.

## GOD BLESSING IN KANSAS

Aug. 6.—Last night was the closing of a four week's revival at Midway, Kansas. This is a new field for Holiness and the Church of God. This meeting was in the Christian church house and not long ago they had declared Holiness should not be preached there, and shut the doors against holiness preaching. Prayer changes things, and when God gets a hold of hearts it makes a difference.

The writer had planned to be with Brother Tom McCoy of Pittsburg, Kan. in the beginning of the meeting, but was unable to get there until the meeting had been in progress two weeks. When we arrived on the scene, we found Brother McCoy had been giving out the good gospel and it was having its effect. The house was not near large enough to hold the crowd.

The writer did most of the preaching during the last two weeks, and I never saw people sit so still and drink in the Word of God. One was saved and one reclaimed during the last two weeks of the meeting, while several were under conviction. Before the meeting closed members of the Christian church and citizens of the neighborhood said they had found out that Holiness wasn't what they thought it was and they liked us and Holiness well enough that they wanted services to continue, so Brother McCoy made arrangements to preach for them twice on Sunday and one night during the week.

Several members of the various Pentecostal and Holiness churches of Pittsburg attended these services and rendered valuable service. There was a good spirit manifested among all inasmuch that there were no crosses or mud and clubs thrown, but we feel sure there is some real gopher wood among them, who ought and will, sooner or later, be in the Church of God. Brother Miner Mead, pastor of the Church of God in Pittsburg, was with us some. He has a good field to labor in and a grand opportunity for the Church of God.

Yesterday we had all day meeting and dinner on the ground, which was enjoyed by all who were present. A car load of the saints from the Church of God at Joplin spent the day with us.

Now the state of Kansas is a large state with only two churches in it, so there is a large field needing laborers who are sky blue, true Church of God, not afraid to trust God. You will meet a lot of good honest, free-hearted people who set a good table and you are made to feel at home. If you will give them real true Holiness and Pentecostal Gospel, and live what you preach, you will win them for God and His church. Come on some of you good gopher wood laborers, who have no field to labor in, and get in touch with our State Overseer, Brother F. R. Harrawood, and let us take this great state for the Church of God. I have calls now for meetings that I can't get to fill.

We wish to ask all who read this to remember us when you pray, for we need your prayers, also pray that a way will be made for us to meet you at the Assembly this Fall. Your brother in the battle for lost souls, T. F. Blackwell, 2009 Empire Ave., Joplin, Mo.

## WE HAD A GOOD MEETING

The Church of God at Momeyer began a revival July 16th, conducted by Brother E. D. Jones. We had a good meeting. There were two saved, and one received the Holy Ghost. All the saints were edified and built up. Some said they felt like they had a new dip. Everybody seemed to enjoy Brother Jones' preaching. We nated for the meeting to close but he had to go. We are looking for him back soon, to hold us another revival.

The meeting closed the fifth Sunday in July which was home coming day at our church. There were saints from everywhere they could hear about this day. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There was music and dancing and many stood up and said the Lord had healed them. There was a good many people in attendance, estimated to a thousand or fifteen hundred. We all had a nice time that day. We spread dinner out on the table for everybody to help themselves. We have a nice little church in which to worship our Lord. There is only a few saints at this place. We desire the prayers of all the true people of God, that this place will prosper for our Lord.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Emma Vester.

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